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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Draft Program of NIE's for Period 1 July 1954 to 30 June 1955

1. The proposed program of NIE's has been fully coordinated within CIA and with the IAC representatives. It has also taken into account the informally expressed views of State and Defense members of the NSC Planning Board, and the NSC Staff.

2. We anticipate only one problem at the IAC. The Air Force proposed at the IAC representatives' meeting the cancellation of the estimate on Soviet Air Defense Capabilities. The IAC at its last meeting had overruled a similar Air Force proposal and the consensus of the IAC representatives was that they did not have the authority to overrule the IAC.

3. The Air Force position is that:

- a. This subject is solely within the competence of the Air Force.
- b. The subject has been adequately covered in a recently completed and detailed joint A-2/OSI paper on this subject.

4. We feel that this subject is a national intelligence problem because:

- a. Soviet air defense capabilities are one of the critical factors in any estimate of Soviet intentions.
- b. The economic and scientific supporting data for any estimate on this subject are not the exclusive competence of the military.
- c. Soviet air defense capabilities are a critical factor in the determination of the continental defense aspects of national security policy.

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5. The only other matter which may be raised for discussion at the IAC meeting is the proposed NIE on Anti-Communist Resistance in the Soviet Bloc. This is discussed fully in memorandum to you of 7 July.

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